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SENATOR ALLARD PRAISES CAPITOL POLICE, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS FOR PROFESSIONAL, ORDERLY EVACUATION OF CAPITOL COMPLEX IN RESPONSE TO AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), chairman of the Senate Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee which oversees the Capitol complex and its staff, made the following statement Wednesday after the Capitol complex was evacuated in response to reports of the presence an unidentified aircraft within Washington, D.C. airspace:

"I want to commend Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Pickle, U.S. Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer and his officers for the professional and efficient way in which they conducted today's evacuation.

"I look forward to reviewing today's events with Mr. Pickle and Chief Gainer to see if we can identify areas in which the Capitol complex evacuation procedures can be strengthened even further."